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**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT**

In re HECTOR A., JR. et al., Persons Coming  
Under the Juvenile Court Law.

KERN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

HECTOR A.,

Defendant and Appellant.

F042003

(Super. Ct. Nos. JD095503 &  
JD095504)

**OPINION**

**THE COURT**\*

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Kern County. Peter A. Warmerdam, Juvenile Court Referee.

Kathleen Murphy Mallinger, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

B.C. Barmann, Sr., County Counsel, and Jennifer L. Thurston, Deputy County Counsel, for Plaintiff and Respondent.

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\* Before Vartabedian, Acting P.J., Cornell, J., and Gomes, J.

Hector A., Sr., appeals from orders terminating his parental rights (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 366.26) to his two sons, Hector and Jason.<sup>1</sup> Appellant joins in arguments made by the boys' mother in her appeal, *In re Hector A. et al.* (case No. F042005). The mother argued the juvenile court erred when it denied, without a hearing, her petition to reopen reunification services (§ 388). She further complained the court erred by not finding termination would be detrimental to the boys' best interests due to their alleged ongoing relationship with her.

We rejected each of the mother's arguments in case No. F042005. First, petition did not state a prima facie case for relief. (*In re Marilyn H.* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 295, 310; *In re Edward H.* (1996) 43 Cal.App.4th 584, 593.) Furthermore, the record supported the juvenile court's exercise of discretion in rejecting the mother's claim of detriment. (*In re Stephanie M.* (1994) 7 Cal.4th 295, 318.) Because the father in his appeal raised no other claim of error, we conclude the court properly terminated his parental rights.

#### **DISPOSITION**

The orders terminating parental rights are affirmed.

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Welfare and Institutions Code unless otherwise indicated.